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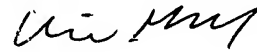
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the filing of a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application 09/245,169. A copy of the 09/245,169 application as filed is enclosed herewith. Also enclosed is a copy of the Declaration and the Small Entity Statement filed in the 09/245,169 case. The small entity status is currently valid for this continuation application.

Sequence Listing

Also enclosed herewith is a copy of the Sequence Listing filed in the 09/245,169 case. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.821(e), please use the computer readable Sequence Listing that is already on file in U.S. Patent Application 09/245,169. The enclosed paper copy of the Sequence Listing is identical to the computer readable copy on file in U.S. Patent Application 09/245,169.

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Information Disclosure Statement

Also enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement that has been previously filed and considered in the parent application, U.S. Patent Application 09/245,169. Pursuant to MPEP 609 I.A.2., applicant requests that these references be considered in the instant application.

Formal Drawings

The drawings enclosed herewith are considered by the applicant to be formal drawings. Applicant thus requests review and approval of the drawings by a Draftsperson.

Amendments

Please enter the following amendments in this case.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, before the Statement of Government Interest, please add the following.

a¹ --This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 09/245,169, filed February 5, 1999.--

On page 14, please replace the paragraph on lines 7-11 with the following:

a² --Figure 5. Figure 5 depicts the DNA sequence of a PDE1C cDNA (SEQ ID NO:1) that confirms that PDE1C is expressed in pancreatic islet β -cells. Reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction was used to amplify and clone a fragment of the PDE1C mRNA common to all known PDE1C isozymes.--